

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A system for providing a content comprising:

~~communication means including a subscriber telephone network for establishing communication with a multi-function mobile telephone;~~

a content providing apparatus for providing content, the content providing apparatus including a memory; and

a relay apparatus connected to ~~the~~ a multi-function mobile telephone through ~~the~~ a subscriber telephone network, the relay apparatus being operable to convert a telephone number of the multi-function mobile telephone into an ID code unique to the multi-function mobile telephone, wherein communication between the multi-function mobile telephone and the content providing apparatus is performed through the relay apparatus based on the ID code, the relay apparatus comprising a unit that notifies the content providing apparatus of the ID code of the multi-function mobile telephone,

wherein the memory of the content providing apparatus is for storing a variety of statuses of the multi-function mobile telephone by the unique ID code and for storing progress of current game playing, so that if a game is suspended during operation, the game may be resumed at a point of suspension by re-accessing the memory of the content providing apparatus,

wherein the system further comprises an information terminal connected to the subscriber telephone network using the multi-function mobile telephone, and

wherein the content providing apparatus includes:

a unit operable to provide the content to the information terminal; and

a unit operable to identify the information terminal to which the content is provided based on the ID code notified by the relay apparatus.

2. (previously presented) A system according to claim 1, further comprising an information terminal connected to the multi-function mobile telephone and having a display device larger in size than a display device of the multi-function mobile telephone.

3. (previously presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein the communication means comprises the Internet and the relay apparatus is a gateway arranged to the subscriber telephone network to connect the subscriber telephone network to the Internet.

4. (previously presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein the relay apparatus is a DNS server owned by an Internet service provider.

5. (previously presented) A system according to claim 2, wherein the content providing apparatus is an Internet server which provides one or both of a program and data for video gaming.

6. (original) A system according to claim 5, wherein the information terminal connected to the multi-function mobile telephone is a video gaming machine which is operated while monitoring an image presented on the display device thereof.

7-8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A system for providing a content, comprising:

~~a telephone communication network,~~

~~a computer network,~~

a server connected to ~~the~~ a computer network for providing the content;

a terminal connected to ~~the~~ a telephone communication network and having a telephone number unique thereto; and

a relay apparatus for connecting the telephone communication network to the computer network;

wherein the relay apparatus comprises:

a unit for relaying communications between the terminal and the server,

a unit for connecting the terminal to the computer network in response to a dial-up connection request from the terminal,

a unit for detecting the telephone number of the terminal,

a unit for converting the telephone number into a unique code, and

a unit for notifying the server of the unique code; and

the server comprises:

a unit for providing the content to the terminal
a memory; and

a unit for identifying the terminal to which the content is provided based on the unique code;

wherein the server memory is for storing a variety of statuses of the multi-function mobile telephone by the unique code and for storing progress of current game playing, so that if a game is suspended during operation, the game may be resumed at a point of suspension by re-accessing the server memory.

10. (original) A system according to claim 9, wherein the computer network is the Internet.

11. (original) A system according to claim 9, wherein the terminal comprises a mobile telephone connected to the telephone communication network.

12. (original) A system according to claim 9, wherein the unit for detecting the telephone number of the terminal detects the telephone number of the terminal when the terminal places the dial-up connection request.

13. (previously presented) A system according to claim 9, wherein the server further comprises a unit which performs a fee billing process to the terminal to which the content is provided based on the unique code.

14-20. (canceled)

21. (new) A method for providing content, comprising:

providing a content providing apparatus for providing content, the content providing apparatus including a memory;

providing a relay apparatus operable to be connected to a multi-function mobile telephone through a subscriber telephone network;

operating the relay apparatus to convert a telephone number of the multi-function mobile telephone into an ID code unique to the multi-function mobile telephone, wherein communication between the multi-function mobile telephone and the content providing apparatus is performed through the relay apparatus based on the ID code;

wherein the memory of the content providing apparatus is operable to store a variety of statuses of the multi-function mobile telephone by using the unique ID code and is operable to store progress of current game playing, so that if a game is suspended during operation, the game may be resumed at a point

of suspension by re-accessing the memory of the content providing apparatus;

wherein the relay apparatus comprises a unit that notifies the content providing apparatus of the ID code of the multi-function mobile telephone;

wherein the method further comprises connecting an information terminal to the subscriber telephone network using the multi-function mobile telephone; and

wherein the content providing apparatus includes:

a unit operable to provide the content to the information terminal; and

a unit operable to identify the information terminal to which the content is provided based on the ID code notified by the relay apparatus.